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FOR AF/EX KRYZA AND KENNEDY

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE

1. IN ORDER TO DOUBLE SIZE OF PRESENT WAITING ROOM OF CONGEN, POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR RENTAL OF ONLY REMAINING OFFICE SPACE STILL AVAILABLE ON ITS FLOOR (ELEVENTH) OF KINE CENTRE. SPACE AVAILABLE IS 53 SQUARE METERS AT MONTHLY RENTAL OF 4.73 RANDS PER SQUARE METRE. NO EXTRA CHARGE FOR STANDARD CARPETING AND PARTITIONING.

2. VOST WOULD PROPOSE LOCATING MINERALS OFFICER AND SECRETARY, PLUS CONFERENCE ROOM AND STORAGE CLOSET, IN NEW SPACE. OLD SPACE WOULD THEN ALLOW DOUBLING OF SIZE OF WAITING ROOM, INCLUDING CREATION OF NEW (THIRD) WINDOW WHERE TELEPHONE OPERATOR COULD DOUBLE AS RECEPTIONIST. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD RELIEVE PRESENT TWO VISA WINDOWS OF RECEPTION DUTIES AND EXPEDITE BUSINESS OF NON-VISA CALLERS, AS WELL AS REDUCING CONGESTION AND CONFUSION OF TRAFFIC PATTERNS IN WAITING ROOM.

3. IN ADDITION, OFFICE OF MINERALS OFFICER WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE FOR OTHER PURPOSES, E.G. OFFICE OF

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CONSULAR ROVER IF DEPARTMENT SAW FIT ASSIGN ONE TO

JOHANNESBURG, WHICH COULD WELL USE SUCH ROVER.
OTHERWISE, NO PLACE TO ACCOMMODATE PERSON ASSIGNED.

4. SECURITY OFFICE EMBASSY PRETORIA STATES SECURITY
CONSIDERATIONS CAN BE MET, THOUGH NEW SPACE NOT
CONTIGUOUS AND SEPARATED FROM OLD BY LAWYERS' OFFICE.

4. FURNITURE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE MINIMAL, SINCE
EMPLOYEES WOULD JUST BE MOVED OVER ONE OFFICE. A
FEW MORE CHAIRS WOULD BE NEEDED IN WAITING ROOM,
PLUS DESK, CHAIR, AND BOOKCASE FOR MINERALS OFFICER'S
ROOM TO BE VACATED.

5. OWNERS OF KINE CENTRE STATE THEY WILL HOLD SPACE
FOR WEEK AWAITING DECISION.
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